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1. FOREIGN OFFICE AND FISHERY AGENCY SOURCES ALSO EXPECT JAPAN-SOVIET FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS TO CONCLUDE APRIL 21 (REFTEL). MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF TALKS BETWEEN MAF MINISTER NAKAGAWA AND SOVIET FISHERY MINISTER ISHKOV REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN QUESTION OF QUOTAS, WITH SOVIETS PROVING EVEN MORE INFLEXIBLE THAN EXPECTED. FISHERY AGENCY OFFICIAL ANTICIPATED THAT TWO SIDES WOULD SETTLE ON 42,500 TONS (OPENING GOJ PROPOSAL HAD BEEN 62,000, WITH SOVIETS OFFERING 35,500). SOVIETS APPARENTLY OFFERED SOME CONCESSIONS ON TIME CLOSURE, BUT NONE RE AREA LIMITATIONS.
2. FISHERY AGENCY OFFICIAL SAID JAPANESE FISHERMEN PROBABLY WOULD BE ABLE TO FULFILL 42,500 QUOTA WITHIN ZONE ASSIGNED

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THEM. OVERALL RESULT WILL BE TREATY DESCRIBED BY ONE OFFICIAL AS BARELY SATISFACTORY. NONETHELESS, WITH FISHING SEASON FAST APPROACHING, JAPANESE APPARENTLY ARE PREPARED TO SIGN. MANSFIELD

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